

Department of the Navy, DoD

§ 726.5

Accounting Service-Cleveland Center (DFAS-CL), who has delegated it to DFAS-CL, Office of Continuing Government Activity (DFAS-CL(CGA)). Trustees receive the active duty pay and allowances, amounts due for accrued or accumulated leave, and retired pay or retainer pay, that are otherwise payable to a member found by competent medical authority to be mentally incapable of managing his affairs.

(b) *Member* as used in this chapter refers to:

(1) Members of the Navy or Marine Corps on active duty (other than for training) or on the retired list of the Navy or Marine Corps; and

(2) Members of the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve.

[56 FR 55088, Oct. 24, 1991, as amended at 73 FR 64206, Oct. 29, 2008]

§ 726.3 Authority to appoint trustees.

DFAS-CL (CGA) is authorized to act for the Secretary of the Navy to appoint trustees to receive and administer Federal monies for members and to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

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§ 726.4 Procedures.

(a) *Competency Board.* (1) The commanding officer of the cognizant Naval medical facility will convene a board of not less than three Medical Department officers or physicians, one of whom will be a Navy psychiatrist or clinical psychologist, when there is evidence that a member may be incapable of handling his financial affairs. The board will be convened in accordance with Chapter 18, Manual of the Medical Department (MANMED). The board may include members of the Reserve components on active or inactive duty. When active duty Navy or Marine Corps members are hospitalized in non-Naval medical facilities, the Military Medical Support Office will ensure compliance with Chapter 18, MANMED.

(2) DFAS-CL(CGA) may request the commanding officer of any Naval medical facility, or request the commanding officer of another service

medical facility or administrator of a Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility, convene a competency board in accordance with this section to determine the mental capability of a member to manage his financial affairs.

(3) A finding of restoration of competency or capability to manage personal and financial affairs may be accomplished in the same manner specified in Chapter 18, MANMED, except that the board may consist of one or two Medical Department officers or physicians, one of whom must be a Navy psychiatrist or clinical psychologist.

(4) At least one officer on the competency board, preferably the psychiatrist or clinical psychologist, will personally observe the member and ensure that the member's medical record, particularly that portion concerning his mental health, is accurate and complete.

(5) The requirement to convene a competency board under this chapter is in addition to and separate from the medical board procedures. Each board member signs the report of the board and certifies whether the member is or is not mentally capable of managing his financial affairs. After approval by the convening authority, the original board report is forwarded to DFAS-CL(CGA).

(b) *Records.* The convening authority will forward the original of each board report to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service-Cleveland Center, Office of Continuing Government Activity (Code CGA), Post Office Box 998021, Room 2323, Cleveland, OH 44199-80216. If a member is found to be not mentally capable of managing his financial affairs, the forwarding endorsement will set forth the name, relationship, address, and telephone number(s) of the member's next of kin, and any other information that will assist to identify a prospective trustee.

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§ 726.5 Procedures for designation of a trustee.

Upon receipt of a report of a competency board that a member has been found mentally incapable of managing his financial affairs, DFAS-CL(CGA)